and Development Corporation for the welfare of the backward classes; and

(b) to what extent this programme has been implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) Detailed guidelines prepared by the National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) have been sent recently to State Governments and State Backward Classes Development Corporations and they have been requested to prepare projects accordingly. The Programme for the NBCFDC would be chalked out after proposals from the State Governments are received, which can be implemented for promoting the economic development of Socially & Educationally Backward Classes.

Census of Physically Disabled

1975. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to carry out a census of persons afflicted with physical disabilities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) A sample survey of the handicapped persons was undertaken by National Sample Survey Organisation during July to December, 1991. Government also are separately contemplating to have a survey of the disabled persons done in some selected districts of the country.

Atrocities on SC/STs

1976. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the break up of atrocities committed on the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country during the last three years Statewise ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 37).

Request for increasing the rate of Schoolarship for SC/ST

1977. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has requested for increasing the rate of scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (c) State Government of Uttar Pradesh is implementing a State Sector Scheme of Pre Matric Scholarship for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes under which the rates of Scholarships are decided by the State Government. State Government of Uttar Pradesh wants to increase the rates of scholarship under their scheme and requested Government of India to provide the funds. Since this is a State Sector Scheme, it was not possible to provide any funds from the Government of India. However, the matter has been referred to the Planning Commission for their consideration as the State Plan provision are made by the Planning Commission.

Schemes for Handicapped Children

1978. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the schemes and projects for ameliorating the lot of handicapped children; and

(b) what is the allocation of funds towards these schemes and projects in the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The details of schemes and projects for handicapped children are as follows :

1. *Scheme of Assistance to Organisation for the Disabled*

Under this scheme, grant-in-aid is provided to the organisations working for the welfare of disabled including children.